

# Air Station spikes 1st Bn. in championship



Lance Cpl. Brian Kester  
David Miller (left), a 1st Bn. player, spikes the ball during the Championship match against 1st Bn. at the War Memorial Gym April 15. Air Station won 25-18, 25-19.

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Air Station defeated 1st Bn. 25-18, 25-19 for the Tri-Command Intramural Volleyball championship at the Depot's War Memorial Gym April 15.

Before Air Station claimed victory, their opponent had to be decided. So Band 1 and 1st Bn. battled for a spot in the final showdown.

The two teams each had one loss in the tournament and were forced into a single elimination game, where 1st Bn. was victorious 28-26, 25-23. The loser could only watch as the victor took their shot at becoming champion.

"All of the guys you see out here, the Band, Air station and us, we all play together," said Ernie Chavis, coach for 1st Bn. "We play about two or three times a week."

This group of friends competes with one another throughout the year in various associations, not just in the Tri-Command Intramural Volleyball League. That competition brought a sense of familiarity to the games, as the opponents knew each other well.

"It's tough because most of these guys play year round, indoor and outdoor," said Duane King, player for Band 1. "So we will have to live with this all year until the next indoor season. They will be

talking about it on the beach, and we will have to try to get them back, or suck it up until next year."

Though the athletes know each other well, the final games did not suffer as a result of friendships.

"It was two of the best games we have played all year," said King. "There were just some little things that did us in. The little minute things that we should have done better could have made the difference in what was a close game."

After coming from behind to win two matches against Band 1, 1st Bn. set out to defeat the Air Station. 1st Bn. gained a lot of experience during their comeback victories, but the mature team had to be concerned with physical weariness.

"I really don't think so, I think it helped them warm up," said Mike Schwegman, player for Air Station. "They are not that old yet, and I

know most of them from playing together. So we tried to keep giving them good serves and making them move

because they were having trouble passing. I knew if we did that, we would win."

Knowing what to do and executing, are two factors that lead down the road to a championship, and 1st Bn. fell short of their own expectations, leaving them to wonder what could have been.

"I felt like if we could have passed the ball well, we would have a good chance against them, but we didn't pass the ball as well as we should have," said Chavis.

"That was the key. It was the same problem we had the last time we played them."

After the game, each team was faced with the reality of what had just happened. One was going home a champion and one was left with ambitions for next year.

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# Brew Crew drowns Dirty Dental 17-6

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After five innings of play, Brew Crew defeated Dirty Dental 17-6 in the Marine Corps Community Services-South Carolina Intramural Softball League at the Parris Island Sports Complex April 15.

After a slow first couple of innings, Brew Crew started making good contact with the ball and began sending player after player around the bases and across home plate.

They slowly crept up on

Dirty Dental and then pounced, completing their late-inning victory.

"The other team was great competition, but we managed to come from behind and take the win in the end," said Kimberly Gladden, Brew Crew first baseman. "Our batting was on. That's what wins ball games — base hits."

"You can crush balls over the fence all you want, but if you can consistently produce base hits, you are going to score more often," she added.

James Barrier, coach for Dirty Dental, agreed with Gladden's hitting philosophy.

"We had a good game going at first, but then [Brew Crew] started making a lot of good hits which put them ahead," Barrier said.

Even though Brew Crew had a smooth game going, both teams came into the game short-handed and had to make up for their teammates absences.

"We were missing quit a few players," said Gladden. "They are all on [Temporary Assigned Duty] or leave, but we still managed to hold things together and play a good game. They'll all be back for our next game though."

Dirty Dental's personnel

problems played a bigger role in the games outcome.

"We were missing about eight players," said Barrier. "They're all on leave for Spring Break, so we had a lot of replacements out there who have never really played before."

Brew Crew's latest win gave them a record of 3-0, which they hope to improve in their next game against Medical.

"We hope we can keep up a record like this, so we can be more competitive against some of the better teams in the league," said Gladden. "We want to beat Range Company and Weapons. That's our biggest goal right now."

## ASP whips up 4th Bn.

Softball action continued April 15, as ASP demolished 4th Bn. in an upsetting 23-3 victory at the Parris Island Sports Complex.

Although 4th Bn. managed to slip in a few runs and made a few good plays,

ASP dominated the entire game with a non-stop barrage of doubles and triples.

"We played really well today," said Kevin Duckworth, ASP second baseman.

"We've improved on our batting skills and scored a lot of runs tonight," he added.

But even though ASP played



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With the crack of a bat, Michelle Hardin, Brew Crew catcher, eyes third base as she sprints from second during a game against Dirty Dental at the Parris Island Sports Complex April 15.

a great game, Duckworth believed 4th Bn. was just having an off night.

"I don't really think they were all that into the game tonight," he said. "They didn't play up to their skill level."

As far as the next game goes, Duckworth feels very confident in his team and said if they play their next game with the intensity that they had against 4th Bn., they should do pretty well.

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